

# CONNECT



Aberlady Church interior



Gullane Church interior

You are warmly invited to join us in the  
**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sunday 26th February 2023**

**All church services held weekly at:**

Gullane Parish Church **9.45a.m.**

Aberlady Parish Church **11.15a.m**

**Joint services will now be held at 10.30a.m. on the first Sunday of each month - alternately at Aberlady and Gullane churches - beginning on March 5th at Aberlady Church.**

**All are welcome**



INTERIM JOINT SESSION CLERK
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**NEW JOINT MONTHLY SERVICES at 10.30am.**

We will be starting monthly joint services at 10.30a.m. on the first Sunday of each month.

The first one will be at Aberlady on March 5th and then the services will alternate between churches with the April 2nd service being held at Gullane.

Followed by:

May 7th - Aberlady Church

June 4th - Gullane Church etc. etc

Lifts to either Aberlady Church or Gullane Church can be easily arranged and anyone wishing one should either contact their Elder or one of the Session Clerks.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

On Sunday 9th April there will be an 8.00a.m. outdoor service at the top of Gullane Hill to celebrate Easter Sunday. Early risers will be rewarded with bacon rolls, plus coffee and tea afterwards at the Gullane Church Centre. Everyone most welcome.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

There will be a service to celebrate the World Day of Prayer at Gullane Parish Church at 3.00p.m. on Friday March 3rd. This is a joint Service with Aberlady, Longniddry, Gladsmuir, Gullane and St. Adrian's Church. The Service this year has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan.

**All are welcome**

Elsbeth Walker - Session Clerk

For your information:

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INTERIM MODERATOR
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**From the Interim Moderator . . .**

I remember a professor at New College once saying, “You need the Old Testament when the New Testament seems too good to be true!” Now, maybe he had his tongue in his cheek. But what he meant was this. The New Testament covers a short period of time when wonderful and dramatic things were happening. The Old Testament covers a long period of time, when there were long stretches between the big things – and I can’t help thinking that this February magazine falls into such a stretch of time: Christmas is past, Easter is still a bit ahead, and for many people this year is stretching out into a tough and challenging time.

Well, the Old Testament gives us wisdom and resources to cope with the tough times – and in particular, the Old Testament has the Psalms. I spent a year writing poetry on all the Psalms, and I’d like to share with you the poem I wrote on Psalm 23:

**23 *Shepherd Sonnet***

Contradictions, with a sudden dark  
to overtake our cosiness, our rosy  
hopes. The unexpected snakes devour  
the flimsy ladders that we pick and park  
for easy climbs to happiness. Who knows,  
we might today be falling, calling out  
for God to hear us, hold us, help us, fold us  
in those arms that felt the hammer blows  
to nails through ankles, wrists – such love to meet  
the cost of shepherding the likes of us;  
or finding courage in the cold of night,  
the daytime heat, the struggles of the street.  
You fill my cup with hope again: indeed  
I find, with you, I’ve everything I need.

INTERIM MODERATOR - continued
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On Thursday evenings in March, I will be leading an on-line 'book club' for an hour or so to discuss my recent book: *Temple and Tartan: Psalms, Poetry and Scotland* – if you are interested ask me about it at [jstein@handselpress.org.uk](mailto:jstein@handselpress.org.uk).

This in turn leads me to commend a great new resource which is available free of charge. I discovered it from a Methodist friend in the North of England. It is American, and while I confess I am naturally a bit suspicious of what comes across the Atlantic, this combines good scholarship with racy, and I have to admit quite wonderful communication mainly in a cartoon style which is respectful and 'works'.

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/what-is-bible/> lets you see one short video about 'The Bible Project', but there are now at least a hundred videos available on different Bible books and styles of writing, some very simple, some deeper.

May the presence of God sustain you in the drab times.

May the power of God hold you in the dark times.

May the purpose of God guide you, shape you, surprise you at any and every time.

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LOCUM MINISTER
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It is only something like six weeks since the busyness of Christmas, as I sit here and type this, but already my mind is drawn into Easter. Lent is only three weeks away as it begins on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February and runs up until the day before Good Friday which falls on 6<sup>th</sup> of April.

What would your normal practice be for Lent? Are you one who stops something or do you choose to do something for the forty days? Whatever your practice may be, Easter is an opportunity that offers great hope for our future, but it is in Lent, and just before it with Transfiguration Sunday, that we get the best glimpse of what God is going to do, once Easter finally arrives.

Unfortunately, for so many people, expectation has been lost because of familiarisation. It's just another telling of the same old story we have heard so many times before! Or is it?

If we begin with the Transfiguration, we see the humanity of Peter and his bumbling comment of building three shelters for Jesus and the other two commonly accepted as Moses and Elijah!

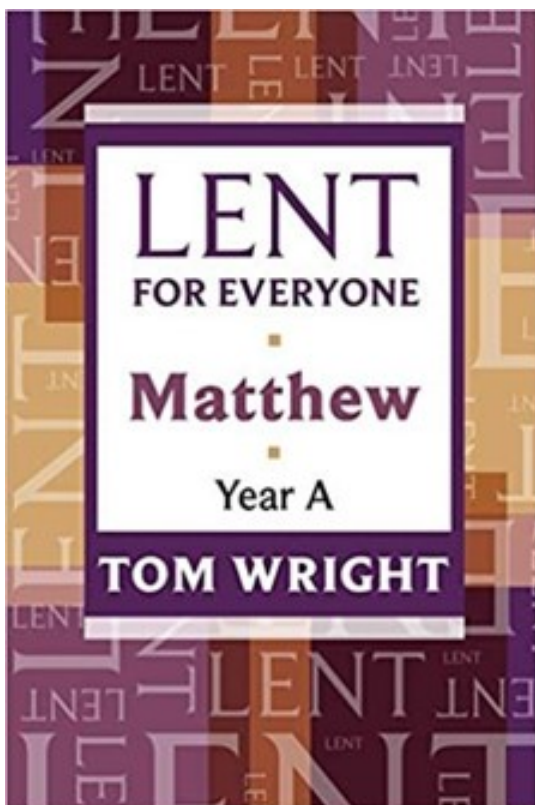
Peter appears to have missed the transfiguration. Missed the humanity of Jesus being changed into his Heavenly Glory, His face shining bright with the noon day sun and his clothes being bleached white! A bit like someone turning up at your door, and as they are telling you that you have been left millions in some far off relative's will, you stand there transfixed on what time you are going to start to cook the sausages for your tea.

The season of Easter is either something passive, it happens, and it is gone. Or for some, it is active in that there is a lot of chocolate to be eaten, but for the lucky ones, those who choose to look and see, who choose to explore, one can see the full glory of Heaven being shown to mere mortals. The glory that without question shines through whatever we are each living through at this moment in our lives. The change in Jesus gives us the glimpse of who will meet us and usher us into his glory.

LOCUM MINISTER continued

Will you be looking for the chocolate, or, perhaps I can suggest a book by Tom Wright, called “Lent for Everyone” which explores the book of Matthew over the 40 day period of Lent in nice little pieces.

I believe it will be the best £5.00 you will spend this year.  
ISBN number – 978-0-281-06221-8 (paperback)



Whatever you choose, be it something or nothing, I pray that this Easter Season brings you much to be grateful for and to place a smile on your face, matched by a great warmth in your heart.

God bless

Fred

Rev Fred Harrison  
Locum Minister Aberlady and Gullane Parish Church



## Session News

Since publication of the first edition of 'Connect' in November 2022 the Kirk Session has been kept busy with several developments. The purpose of this article is to bring members of the congregation up-to-date or more aware of the latest information.

The most popular question we are asked is, 'When will we get a new Minister?' Sadly, we are not much further forward at the time of writing. The new Presbytery of Lothian and Borders, which unites the former presbyteries of Duns, Jedburgh, Lothian and Melrose and Peebles, held its inaugural meeting at St John's and King's Park Church, Dalkeith, earlier this month. Although discussion of the Mission Plan was on the agenda, due to a last-minute request in December for a further review of the Plan we cannot yet take steps to call a Minister. The latest news we have is that the situation should be resolved by March and the Nominating Committee can then begin to advertise the vacancy.

With the prospect of a half-time Minister, and by way of preparation for a part-time appointment, two new initiatives have been launched. The first had its genesis in a promise which we set out in our Parish Profile that elders will help to lead worship. We have now set up a Worship Team with the aim that its members will lead services once a month. The first meeting of the team will be held in early February and Session has emphasised that members of the congregation will also be able to join the team in due course. The second initiative, the introduction of joint services on the first Sunday of each month, will start on the first Sunday in March when the service will be held in Aberlady. All Joint services will start at 10.30am and alternate between the two churches each month. Both initiatives are ways in which we can support a part-time minister by offering relief and assistance with pastoral and worship duties.

Regular worshippers at Gullane will have observed that two pews have been removed at the rear of the church to create space for our new audio-visual equipment. Again, much of this development work is in support of ways in which we can best meet everyone's expectations associated with a part-time minister appointment. In addition to enhancing our usual Sunday morning services, we will also have the ability (if not the initial expertise!) to stream a service from another church. Over the next few weeks, training sessions are planned to increase the number who will be confident to use the technology at Sunday services.

Members of the Property Team have been kept busy at both Aberlady and Gullane dealing with problems associated with water ingress and blocked water inlets. Happily, these issues have now been addressed and normal service is resumed. Going forward, the Property Team is now progressing work currently in the pipeline at Gullane. This includes the replacement of pews and the church heating system, the upgrade of kitchen and toilet facilities in the Church Centre and the secondary glazing of draughty south facing windows. Work at Aberlady is also to be taken forward and this will include the painting of the exterior of the church and repairs to the boundary wall at Kirk Stables. A Presbytery Inspection will provide expert opinion on the overall condition of the church building at Aberlady, but we require to wait until such times as one is scheduled by Presbytery.

Session congratulated the JAM and EJAM team on its success over the past year. Nearly 40 children participated in the Nativity Service and an enormous amount of work was invested in its success. Well done to all involved.

Finally, Session has agreed that Communion dates will remain as at present and take place on the last Sunday in February, May, August and November of each year.

**Interim Session Clerks: Jim Donaldson, Elspeth Walker and Hazel Phisatory**





## **Congregational Roll**

### **Gullane Church**

Helen Bisset Purves, 2 Bowhill Court, lately of Abbey Care Home, died 14th Nov 22.

Niall McCallum, died in Muirfield Nursing Home, previously of Lynlea, Erskine Road, Gullane, 14th January 2023

Mrs May Taylor, 1 Muirfield Park, Gullane 28th January 2023

### Leaving us

Alison Neilson-Dow, formerly of Muirfield House , Gullane and 10a The Pleasance, Aberlady.  
Alison has moved to Room C4, Harbour House Care Home, Musselburgh. EH21 6DH

Linda Paterson, 19 Muirfield House, Gullane  
Linda has moved to Room 53 , St. Margaret's Care Home, Edinburgh EH16 5PT

TREASURER'S REPORT
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## **Church Finances -Treasurer's update**

The Church financial year runs from January to December. I am working on the 2022 accounts and when completed they will be approved by the Kirk Session and the auditor. An Annual Stated meeting will hopefully be held later in the spring at which you will have the opportunity to have the accounts explained. This is an information meeting as members of the Kirk Session are responsible for their approval. 2022 has been a challenging year with the union of the two churches in August and the subsequent joining of the bank accounts and all the necessary changes. I am very grateful to everyone for their co-operation in changing their bank orders for their donations. Some essential work on our buildings was done and the Gullane Church roof had some repairs. At Gullane a new Audio-Visual system has been installed and is nearly completed. It is definitely a big improvement.

I am delighted to report that that we have a reasonable surplus.

I am grateful for your continued support in your giving through your offerings. Please continue to do so. You can do so by cheque or by Standing Order via the bank. For further information, please speak to Morag Black at Gullane or to me at church, or by phone.

I am pleased that we can now take donations in the plate at the rear of the churches, either Free Will or open plate. This is helping to improve our regular income. Just as we are all experiencing rising costs at home, it is the same for the church. The heating costs are very high during winter.

Kaye Macaskill (Treasurer)

## ANNUAL PLANT SALE

The **Annual Plant Sale** will take place on **Saturday 13th May** in **Aberlady Community Hall**. See advert on page 12. This will now be a joint venture. As this happens near Christian Aid Week in May, Kirk Session has agreed to donate 10% of the profit to Christian Aid

Please get your plants ready! Put the date in your diary! Come along and buy some new plants at very good prices!

### Kirk Stables and Gullane Church Centre

Both The Stables and Gullane Church Centre are open again and some groups are holding their regular meetings. There is some availability during the week for groups to meet there, both during the day and in the evening, and it is also possible to hire them for family events e.g children's parties. The charges are reasonable. Please spread the word. Further information is available on the website or from Tracey Thomson, the Church Secretary, who will be dealing with bookings either by email:

**agpcsecretary@outlook.com or by phone on: 01875 870 777.**

Kaye Macaskill ( Church Treasurer)



### **The BIG Coronation Community Lunch**

Following the Coronation of King Charles 111 on Saturday 6th May, on Sunday 7th May the Aberlady Village Hall has been provisionally booked for the "Coronation Big Lunch" at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together. Please keep this date free and we hope that the Aberlady community will come together to celebrate this historic moment in our lifetime.

On Monday 8th May members of the public will be invited to take part in "The Big Help Out" which will involve those in our Community who would like to volunteer and join the work being undertaken to support our village and its surroundings.

More news on these events will follow.

Liz Forsyth

# **ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

## **IN AID OF ABERLADY CHURCH FUNDS**

**ABERLADY COMMUNITY HALL**

**SATURDAY 13th MAY 2023**

**10.00h - 12.15h**

**LARGE SELECTION OF  
PLANTS AND SHRUBS FOR SALE**



**TEAS & COFFEES**  
with cream scones

**PRODUCE STALL**  
**RAFFLE**

**ENTRANCE £1**



**ABERLADY COMMUNITY HALL  
WILL BE OPEN ON  
THE FRIDAY (4 - 5.30pm)  
TO RECEIVE DONATIONS  
FOR THE SALE**

**PLEASE - We need your help:**  
**BY CULTIVATING ROOT AND STEM CUTTINGS OF SUITABLE  
PLANTS YOU HAVE IN YOUR GARDEN**

**WHEN SOWING YOUR SEEDS, WHY NOT PLANT A FEW EXTRA  
IN SMALL POTS OR TRAYS?**

**East Lothian Foodbank**



2022 was a record year for the Foodbank in East Lothian. Sadly, it's not a record we are proud of as we saw demand rise by 51% from 2021, with emergency food sent out to 4,702 households, supporting 11,373 people including 4,286 children.

With the current cost of living crisis, December also saw record numbers of referrals. From 1st-23rd December 495 households received emergency food parcels, feeding 1257 people, of whom 429 were children. 661 Jingle bags (providing an additional special meal at Christmas) were also distributed to 417 households. We also passed on more than 90 Jingle bags to partner agencies for their distribution.

East Lothian Foodbank as a charity has a Board of Trustees and paid staff but it is volunteers who receive and sort donations of food at the warehouse in Tranent, as well as pack and deliver food parcels and Jingle bags. New volunteers have signed up since COVID but more are always needed. At Christmas time we also get voluntary help from local companies wishing to help with the increase in donations and demand. Tesco collections supplement individual donations but keeping up with demand is always a challenge. Financial donations are greatly received and among other things used to top up food supplies where necessary. Such is the current demand at the Foodbank, the Board members are in conversation with the local council and private landlords regarding the possibility of relocating to bigger premises.

Drop off points for non-perishable foods/food items are, in Gullane, the CO-OP, the library and the Church vestibule (when open). In Aberlady food can be dropped off similarly in the church or Village Hall, when open.

Post Office hours are: Tuesday 13.00pm - 15.00pm / Friday 10.00am-12.00 noon.

For more information on how to volunteer or donate go to the website:-

[Eastlothianfoodbank.org.uk](http://Eastlothianfoodbank.org.uk)

Many thanks , Rachel Wallace



**Children’s Church in Aberlady and Gullane Parish Church**

The end of the year is an exciting time in our church, there is a positive buzz in the building as the children in both JAM Club and EJAM Club rehearse for the nativity. Nearly 40 children took part this year and almost all of them wanted speaking parts, so a bit of editing to the script was required. Pinning them down to rehearse takes skill but Hilary, with help from Lauren and other parents, managed to get the children together enough times that on the day we could put on a show. The children proudly presented the Nativity story with starring roles - the donkey and the pantomime horse, and of course our birthday girl Mary. Thank you to everyone who made the day possible.

Since the New Year the children in JAM Club have been busy with a couple of events interspersed with hearing some of the well-known stories in the Bible like ‘Noah’ and ‘David and Goliath’. The children were very happy to get their hands dirty helping plant a lovely crab apple tree in the Gullane church garden, to commemorate the Queen’s Green Canopy initiative. We are also heading down to the beach at the beginning of February to help with the regular beach clean.

EJAM continues to meet on the first Sunday of the month at 5.50pm in Gullane Church Centre. The children (P4-P7) love their evening of eating! With a bit of bible study thrown in first.

Our **Christmas Craft afternoon** in Gullane went down well. Families enjoying the usual variety of crafts and activities on offer, followed by ‘Christmassy’ refreshments. We were delighted to welcome Andrew Duncan, the Youth Worker at St Andrew Blackadder, who was glad to come and meet our families and he led the short time we always have for a story. Thanks as always to the helpers who come to our craft sessions. Our next event will be the **Easter Craft Afternoon** which will be held in Aberlady Kirk Stables on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm.

Looking ahead to Easter we plan to have another of our church walks on **Palm Sunday**, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, leaving as usual from Gullane Church at 2pm. JAM Club will also be hoping there will be the usual Easter Egg hunt during the service on **Easter Sunday** in Gullane. Plans are yet to be confirmed but look out on the website/Facebook for confirmation.

**With the introduction of monthly joint services, alternating between Aberlady and Gullane, JAM Club will move with the service, therefore will be in Aberlady on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am and Gullane on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and so on.**

For more information on Aberlady and Gullane’s Children’s activities please email Rachel or Hilary at [agpcchildren@gmail.com](mailto:agpcchildren@gmail.com)

**Easter Craft Afternoon**



Please keep in touch with the children by checking our website for updates  
[www.aberlady-gullaneparishchurches.org](http://www.aberlady-gullaneparishchurches.org)  
 as well as Facebook @Aberladyandgullaneparishchurch.

Rachel Wallace



Christmas Craft photos - Gullane Church Hall



Nativity performers - Gullane Church





Happy children at the Nativity performance





**Church Garden – Gullane Parish Church**

24 January 2023

The North Garden at Gullane Parish church is now planted up with herbaceous perennials, shrubs and climbers all underplanted with spring flowering bulbs which are now beginning to show through. We look forward to having a colourful welcome to our church!

The Jubilee Tree (a crab apple) has been planted up in the South Garden by JAM Club including children from both Aberlady and Gullane. It was a beautiful sunny morning and the children showed great enthusiasm and enjoyed the event which was well attended by members of the congregation.

We are keen to have a beautiful garden, but this means that we need a little of your help! Please volunteer. The more volunteers we have the less everyone will have to do and there are gentle gardening tasks which will help too!

Please contact Joy Grey through the church office e-mail:

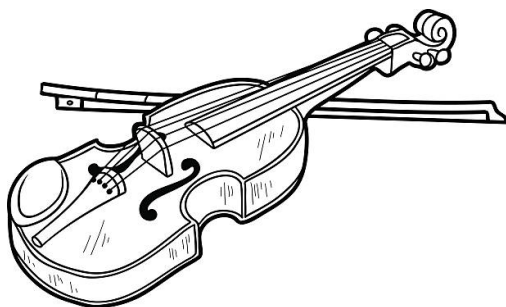
[aqgpcworship@outlook.com](mailto:aqgpcworship@outlook.com) tel: 01875 870777



**CAROLS ON THE GREEN** successfully took place on Sunday 18th December 2022. The clash with the World Cup Final, including extra time, undoubtedly would have affected turnout but nevertheless a satisfying number of people came along to a really enjoyable event. It was a team effort but special thanks go to Iain Blakebell for his idea and hard work, to Orlando Mason for acting as Master of Ceremonies and to everyone who provided and served refreshments in the Church Centre. The intention is to repeat the event next Christmas so look out for more information later in the year.

Anne McCarthy





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### Gullane Community Ceilidh Band January 2023

As the fears and restrictions truly began to change and our lives started to transition from what can only be described as very challenging times, Gullane Community Ceilidh Band had its first event at a themed 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party in **March** 2022. Wearing masks and dressed as fairies or some other woodland creature we played with slight trepidation combined with an inner excitement for the party revellers. This was the first event for what was to become an ever-increasing diary as the year progressed.

In **April** we had a wonderful 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for one of our band members, Ros, playing tunes, eating cake and other goodies whilst still wearing masks and keeping our distance from one another. We celebrated the friendships we'd made and the support we'd given each other over the years. **May** saw us perform at our first outdoor event in Haddington, part of the annual Hadstock celebrations supported by the Haddington/Aubigney Twinning Association. We performed in a borrowed gazebo from the Gullane Games Committee and played an array of traditional Scottish tunes blended with a number of joyful and melancholy French tunes. It was a wonderful experience for us once again playing outside for the community.

Dirleton Games invited us to play at their annual event in **June**. A beautiful sunny afternoon on the green to an assembled seated audience eager to hear GCCB. We played our now well-established Scottish repertoire supported by the student sound team from Queen Margaret University. A collaboration of young and older 😊 working together creating music for this family event. A family ceilidh in **August** for Gullane Games which was one of our best events in the year. Despite the sound system failing us we had a wonderful time, seeing and hearing lots of children and families enjoying the music, dancing their feet off and demanding yet another rendition of Grand O'l Duke of Gullane – everyone was coming round the mountain wearing pink pyjamas! It was a joyous evening and will remain a fond memory in our minds.

**September** saw us starting to plan for a Nigel Gatherer event. Gullane had never before hosted Nigel's Mixer Maxter session for musicians. This was to be a first! Eagerly we shared our thoughts about what might be possible, we approached Gullane Community Association Trustees who embraced the idea and gave us a Saturday afternoon Hall booking in **October** for the event. Over 30 musicians from across the Lothians came to Gullane, admired our lovely Hall, made wonderful music and pleaded for an annual Gullane Mixer Maxter...This gathering was a real boost for the band and we recruited three new musicians – pipes, whistle, barong, mandolin! One event in October was simply not enough for us and so we spent a lovely Friday morning at Dirleton Court sheltered housing and a Wednesday afternoon at Gullane Day centre singing songs and making music.

Muirfield Nursing Home residents joined us in **November** for coffee and music, their first visit back to the Hall since the pandemic restrictions ended. It was so heartening to see our Muirfield friends return to their coffee sessions with us, with some new faces for us to get to know. They so enjoyed our music they invited us into their beautiful day room for Christmas carols, mulled wine and mince pies in **December**! And so our preparations began for the annual Hogmanay community ceilidh. Wow what an event! We had a waiting list for tickets and sold out within 10 days of advertising. Families from Wales and Ireland joined us. Babies to grannies & grandpas were all there dancing, singing, laughing, eating and sharing bringing in the New Year together. It was so good to be back.

As we move forward into 2023 we have a number of bookings in our events diary which is wonderful. We must give thanks to Gullane Community Association Trustees, as without their support we would not have achieved all that we have. They generously give us the use of the Village Hall on a Friday morning to practise, a wonderful space which enables us to meet together and play together. Thankyou! We are a community group and as such ask for a donation when we play, any funds raised going directly back to Gullane Community Association as a small contribution towards making sure that the Village Hall remains a Hub for All.

***'Music has infinite power to reach the gap between the heart and the soul to create infinite and ineffable joy.'* Debasish Mridha.**

Written by Cath Montgomery on behalf of Gullane Community Ceilidh Band.

29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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Telephone number 07878883533





## **Table Tennis played in Haddington and in Gullane**



“Table Tennis keeps you agile, above and below the neck” and it’s also really great fun.

Haddington TT Club is a thriving club for all ages and abilities. We have some 80 members, aged from under 10 to over 70. The club has seven teams in all divisions of the Edinburgh TT league for those who wish to experience competitive play.

We meet at Aubigny Sports Centre, Mill Wynd, Haddington. Our club evenings are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm to 9:30. We also host an “over 50s” social TT session there from 11:00 to 12:30 on Thursdays. Among our regular members at the Thursday morning sessions are people who find that TT really helps with their Parkinson’s disease.

We offer coaching for those who wish to improve their skills and we welcome newcomers to “try it and see” for a couple of sessions before deciding whether to join regularly.

There is also a new TT Club in Gullane. It meets on Wednesday evenings in Gullane Village Hall. Again the sessions are mainly for social play though the club has recently entered a team in the Edinburgh TT League.

To find out more, see <https://haddingtontabletennis.club/>  
and <https://gullanetabletennisclub.wordpress.com/>

Roger Thomas



### **ABERLADY IN BLOOM**

Would you like to help keep our village looking its best? Ladies and gents helping with Aberlady in Bloom look after a number of tubs and baskets around the village as well as maintaining the Memorial Garden. We would love some new volunteers to help us e.g. water & deadhead the tubs. We are not all expert gardeners and everyone simply does what they can. We meet most Saturdays in Ducks for a coffee.

If you would like to help, please contact Gillian on:  
geonbry1@gmail.com'

### **WATERSTON HOUSE** **open Wed - Sun 10am - 4pm**

Upcoming Exhibitions in the Donald Watson Gallery at Waterston House

#### **1st Mar - 16th April**

Lisa Hooper with sculptures by Liz Myhill

Solo exhibition of prints by Lisa Hooper accompanied by glass sculptures by Graham Muir.

#### **19th April - 4th June**

Lucy Newton and Liz Myhill

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**Haddington Concert Society  
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3pm Holy Trinity Church, Haddington

**Programme for February, March and April 2023**

**26 February 2023** *ADlibitum violin and accordion*

**19 March 2023** Maxi Martín Trio - *clarinet, cello, piano*

**3 April 2023** Adam Heron *piano*

*Google: Haddington Concert Society Concerts and Recitals*

***Individual Concert Tickets: £12***

*Individual tickets to each concert are normally available two weeks in advance from Kesley's Bookshop, Haddington, tel. 01620 826725 or from Marion Malcolm, tel. 01620 823546. It may be possible to buy tickets at the door ten minutes before concerts begin.*

**GULLANE AND DIRLETON HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Lecture programme for the rest of the season**

Thursday meetings in Dirleton Kirk Hall and Wednesday meetings in Gullane Village Hall. All at 7.30pm.

**Thursday 16th March 2023 Norman churches in East Lothian**

**Bryan Hickman**

**CHURCH GUILD**

Sadly there are no regular Guild church meetings but Angeniet Black and Margaret Holms organised a lunch at Craigiellaw in November for all past Gullane Guild members and friends. It was a very happy day with a delicious lunch. We hope to have more social events in the future and would be delighted if our friends in Aberlady would like to join us.

Angeniet Black

For other information on local activities please google:

### Gullane Village Association

<https://www.gullanevillageassoc.com/local-groups>

**Little BIG SCREEN Saturday 14th May - "BELFAST" 8.00pm  
(doors open 7.30pm)**

### Aberlady Community Association

Contact: Samantha Robertson - 07920779750 [ahbookings@hotmail.com](mailto:ahbookings@hotmail.com)

Also look at: Aberlady Community Association-Facebook

### Gullane Area Community Council

[www.gaddabout.org.uk/meeting/minutes](http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/meeting/minutes)

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**All welcome**



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# Aberlady & Gullane Parish Church

## Easter 2023

Fri 3 March	3pm	World Day of Prayer, Gullane Church
Sun 5th March	10:30am	Joint Service, Aberlady Church
Sun 26 March.	3-5pm	Easter Family Crafts, Kirk Stables

Palm Sunday	10:30am	Joint Service, Gullane Church
(Sun 2 April)	2pm.	Church Walk, Gullane Church

### Holy week Services

Mon 3 April	7:30pm	St Adrian's Church, Gullane
Tues 4 April	7:30pm	Aberlady Church
Wed 5 April	7:30pm	Our Lady Star of the Sea, North Berwick

Easter Sunday (Sun 9 April)	8am	Easter service, Gullane Hill
		(followed by bacon rolls in Gullane Church Centre)
	9:45am	Gullane Church service
	11:15am	Aberlady Church service

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